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2	Representative Buss of Woodstock moves that the report of the Committee
3	on Environment and Energy be amended as follows:
4	First: In Sec. 16, Natural Resources Board transition, in subsection (a), by
5	striking out "July 1, 2025" and inserting in lieu thereof "January 6, 2025"
6	Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 26a to read:
7	Sec. 26a. 10 V.S.A. § 6001 is amended to read:
8	§ 6001. DEFINITIONS
9	As used in this chapter:
10	* * *
11	(3)(A) "Development" means each of the following:
12	* * *
13	(xi) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
14	until July 1, 2026 December 31, 2027, the construction of housing projects
15	such as cooperatives, condominiums, dwellings, or mobile homes, with 25 or
16	more units, constructed or maintained on a tract or tracts of land, located
17	entirely within a designated downtown development district, a designated
18	neighborhood development area, a designated village center with permanent
19	zoning and subdivision bylaws, or a designated growth center, owned or
20	controlled by a person, within a radius of five miles of any point on any
21	involved land and within any continuous period of five years. For purposes of

1	this subsection, the construction of four units or fewer of housing in an existing
2	structure shall only count as one unit towards the total number of units.
3	Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 26b to read as follows:
4	Sec. 26b. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(D)(viii)(III) is amended to read:
5	(III) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
6	contrary, until July 1, 2026 December 31, 2027, the construction of a priority
7	housing project located entirely within a designated downtown development
8	district, designated neighborhood development area, or a designated growth
9	center.
10	Fourth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 26c to read as follows:
11	Sec. 26c. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 16a is amended to read:
12	Sec. 16a. ACT 250 EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS
13	In order to qualify for the exemptions established in 10 V.S.A. § 6001
14	(3)(A)(xi) and (3)(D)(viii)(III), a person shall request a jurisdictional opinion
15	under 10 V.S.A. § 6007 on or before June 30 December 30, 2026. The
16	jurisdictional opinion shall require the project to substantially complete
17	construction on or before June 30, 2029 in order to remain exempt.
18	Fifth: In Sec. 27, Tier 3 rulemaking, by adding a subsection (d) to read as
19	follows:
20	(d) On or before February 15, 2026, the Board shall report to the House
21	Committee on Environment and Energy and the Senate Committee on Natural

1	Resources and Energy a summary of the rules proposed for adoption, the
2	percentage of land included in Tier 3, and how the rules interface with the
3	goals of 10 V.S.A. chapter 89.
4	Sixth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 34a to read as follows:
5	Sec. 34a. LOCATION-BASED JURISDICTION REVIEW
6	On or before February 1, 2029, the Environmental Review Board shall
7	review and report on the new Tier jurisdiction framework used to establish
8	location-based jurisdiction for 10 V.S.A. chapter 151. The Board shall report
9	on the outcomes and outline successes and any changes that are needed. The
10	Board shall undertake an in-depth review of the Act 250 updates, including the
11	duties and responsibilities of all the staff and the Board itself, specifically
12	whether the updates have reduced appeals and whether the updates have
13	created more equity and cohesion amongst the District Commissions and
14	district coordinators.